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Narrative

Graced by the beautiful Deerfield River, Shelburne is located just off the famous Mohawk trail and is minutes from I-91. It is like stepping back in time to visit this living example of a nineteenth century New England village. Shelburne is a community dedicated to preserving the purity and simplicity of an earlier day and residents are proud of the restored buildings, spectacular surroundings and undiluted New England spirit. Visitors are invited to stroll across the river on the internationally known Bridge of Flowers, to walk from there to an old Indian fishing ground and to see Salmon Falls and the Glacial Potholes. The Potholes are amazing rock formations carved in the river bed - a direct view of several hundred million years of geological evolution.

Visitors can browse through the shops of Shelburne, enjoy the friendly atmosphere of local restaurants and discover the charm of the town and the richness and variety of the region on many return visits.

(Narrative supplied by community)



Location

Northwestern Massachusetts, bordered by Colrain on the north, Greenfield on the east, Deerfield and Conway on the southeast and south, and Buckland on the west. Shelburne is 7 miles west of Greenfield, 50 northeast of Pittsfield, 102 miles northwest of Boston, and about 160 miles from New York City.

Total Area: 23.45 sq. miles

Land Area: 23.25 sq. miles

Population: 2,012

Density: 87 per sq. mile

Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Cummington Hill Station)

Normal temperature in January.....19.9°F Normal temperature in July......67.3°F Normal annual precipitation.....46.0"

U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Shelburne Falls, Colrain

Regional Planning Agency

Franklin County

Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)



Municipal Offices

Main Number: (413) 625-0301

Telephone Numbers for Public Information

Form of Government

Board of Selectmen Open Town Meeting

Year Incorporated

As a town: 1768

Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

Total Registered	Number 1,199	olo	
Democrats	302	25.2	용
Republicans	183	15.3	%
Other parties	0	0.0	용
Unenrolled Voters	714	59.5	%

Legislators

Senators and Representatives by City and Town



Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000

Geographic Area: Shelburne town, Franklin County, Massachusetts

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⁻ Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

Source: U.S. Gensus Bureau, Census 2000.

<sup>Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.
Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.</sup>

³ In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Home Sales (Banker & Tradesman) Town Stats - Free market Statistics
Subsidized Housing Units (DHCD 1998)
DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

Public Housing Units (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State:	46
Conventional Federal:	0
Rental Assistance(DHCD 1999)	
State (MRVP:	0
Federal (Section 8):	0

TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

The major axes of transportation in Franklin County, where Shelburne is located, are State Route 2 and Interstate Route 91, which follows the Connecticut River. The region is well-served by rail. The Springfield Terminal Railway lines (the former Boston and Maine Railroad) parallel the two major highways, and the Central Vermont Railway's main line passes N-S through the eastern portion of the county.

Major Highways

The principal highway is State Route 2, which runs E-W across northern Massachusetts and forms an interchange with Interstate Route 91 going N-S in the neighboring town of Greenfield.

Rail

Freight service is available from the Springfield Terminal Railway. Contact number: (508) 663-1073.

Bus

Shelburne is a member of the Franklin Regional Transit Authority (FRTA), which supplies fixed route service between Shelburne, Charlemont, and Greenfield when Charlemont Academy is in session. FRTA also provides paratransit service for the elderly and disabled through the Shelburne Council on Aging.

Other

The Turners Falls Municipal Airport, a General Aviation (GA) facility, is easily accessible. It has a 3,013'x 75' asphalt runway. Instrument approaches available: Non-precision.



LIBRARIES

Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog

MUSEUMS

(American Association of Museums)

RECREATION

Telephone Numbers for Public Information

Recreational Facilities (Recreational sites and activities)

Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section



HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

Hospitals

None

Long Term Care

Anchorage Nursing Home

Hospices

None

Rest Homes

Labelles Rest Home Mohawk Manor Rest Home Inc

UTILITIES

Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities

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